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### **The San Diego Public Library Screens VIVA NELSON MANDELA: A HERO FOR ALL SEASONS**

*New Documentary Film Explores Nelson Mandela's Life at 90 Years*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will host a screening of *Viva Nelson Mandela: A Hero for All Seasons*. This film looks back over Mandela's epic life and his status as an international icon. In his 90<sup>th</sup> year he still remains a man at the center of attention, not only in South Africa, but around the world as a moral leader and elder statesman. The screening will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18 in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This free event is open to the public.

*Viva Nelson Mandela* takes the viewer on a journey behind the headlines and away from the public eye and looks at Mandela as a loyal friend, a dependable comrade, a trusted confidant, a respected mentor, and a man who has touched and transformed countless lives. For the first time his complete story is being told – a life of struggle, humanity, destiny and greatness is recalled and celebrated by those who knew him best and who worked with him in the quest to break the chains of oppression, taking us beyond the political and into the personal. The program features exclusive interviews with politicians, close friends and comrades of Mandela that include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Helen Suzman, Oliver Tambo, Ahmed Kathrada, and Pik Botha.

Dr. Shirley Weber, chair of African Studies at San Diego State University, will lead a Q&A discussion following the screening, which will also be attended by 10 visiting South African students.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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